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COMMITTEE ONE MET APRIL 23 AND 24 AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. ITEM 18: REPORT ON THE STATUS OF NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES  
IN THE HEMISPHERE: THERE WAS AN EXTENDED DEBATE APRIL 23 ON VARIOUS  
ASPECTS OF THE BELIZE AND FALKLANDS PROBLEMS. PULIT OF ARGENTINA  
AND MCCOMIE OF BARBADOS, THE PRINCIPAL PROTAGONISTS, TRADED VERBAL  
PUNCHES IN A FAR-FROM-FRIENDLY SPIRIT. MCCOMIE ACCUSED THE LATINS  
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE ENGLISH-SPEAKERS, AND PULIT SAID  
BARBADOS WAS SPOUTING THE BRITISH LINE ON BELIZE-FALKLANDS. ON  
APRIL 24 THERE WAS A RECONCILIATION AND THE COMMITTEE APPROVED  
UNANIMOUSLY A MEXICAN DRAFT, TAKING NOTE OF THE STAFF REPORT AND  
ASKING THE SECRETARIAT TO KEEP THE ASSEMBLY INFORMED ON  
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THE HEMISPHERE AND INSTRUCTING THE PREPCOM  
TO INCLUDE THE ITEM ON NEXT YEAR'S AGENDA. AN INTER-  
AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE REPORT CALLING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A GROUP TO STUDY THIS PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED, BUT NO ACTION WAS  
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TAKEN ON IT.

2. ITEM 19: STRENGTHENING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM OF PEACE: BOLIVIA INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION CALLING ON COUNTRIES CONFRONTED WITH "PROBLEMS THREATENING PEACE, PERTURBING SOLIDARITY OR UNDERMINING COOPERATION AMONG THE AMERICAN NATIONS" TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEM BY PEACEFUL MEANS. THOUGH BOLIVIA'S DESIRE FOR AN OUTLET TO THE SEA WAS NOT MENTIONED, IT WAS CLEAR THE BOLIVIANS HAD THIS IN MIND. CHILE OBJECTED THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION DID NOT PROPERLY COME UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM, SINCE THE ITEM HAD TO DO WITH REFORMING THE HEMISPHERE'S PEACEKEEPING INSTITUTIONS. THE PROPOSAL WAS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER SESSION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE IF IT IS NOT FOUND TO BE OUT OF ORDER. NO DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE PERMANENT COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TASK OF REFORMING THE PEACEKEEPING SYSTEM BE TURNED OVER TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXCLUSIVELY, SINCE THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN A DECISION HERE ON WHETHER THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST.

3. ITEM 20: DRAFT CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION: THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WAS GIVEN ANOTHER YEAR TO WORK ON THIS.

4. ITEM 21: REVISION OF THE STAFF RETIREMENT PLAN: THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WAS ASKED TO PRESENT A REPORT TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE OASGA.

5. ITEM 22: REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: WHEN THE ITEM WAS RAISED THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION, SO THE SECRETARIAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION TAKING NOTE OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK. THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER SESSION, PROBABLY APRIL 25.

6. ITEM 17 HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA WHEN URUGUAY GAVE NOTICE THAT IT HAD RATIFIED THE PROTOCOL OF BUENOS AIRES, AMENDING THE OAS CHARTER, BECOMING THE LAST COUNTRY TO DO SO.  
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